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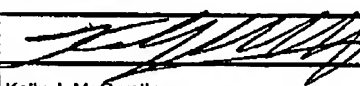
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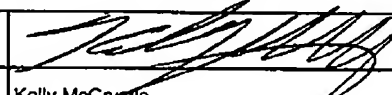
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Applicants previously submitted a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) on March 15, 2003, wherein Applicants included a response to the outstanding action in addition to the petition. The response submitted failed to place the application in *prima facie* condition for allowance and therefore the petition was dismissed.

Applicants hereby submit a Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), wherein Applicants have included a Request for Continued Examination as well as an amendment under 37 CFR 1.114. Applicants believe that the papers submitted herewith place the petition in condition to be granted.

If any questions are raised through these papers, the undersigned may be reached at (650)-474-3326

Respectfully Submitted,


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Attorney for Applicants

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6891.US.O1

First named inventor: T. Daniel Gross

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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

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- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

☐ Small entity-fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☒ Other than small entity – fee \$ 1,500.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Reply and/or fee

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of Request for Continued Examination (identify type of reply):

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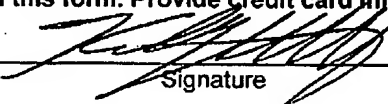
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- ☒ Reply
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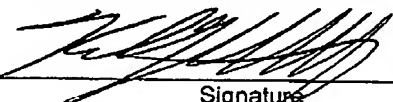
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